(a) whether it is a fact that a Zebra in Delhi Zoo died recently because of sheer negligence on the part of some visitors;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the number of the animals who died/suffered injuries in the Zoos in the country because of visitors negligence during the last one year;

(d) whether Government have reviewed the existing arrangements in the Zoos to prevent cruelty to animals; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to strengthen the preventive measures to protect the animals in the Zoos?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) A zebra died on 24th March, 1987 in the Delhi Zoo due to intestinal blockage caused by plastic bags, which it had swallowed.

(c) This information is not maintained by Government.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) It is proposed to make vandalism in zoos legally punishable.

Provident Fund Outstanding Against M/s. Amrita Bazar Patrika Limited and M/s. Jugantar Limited

433. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2210 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the share of employees' provident fund contribution for the year 1986-87 has not been deposited by the management of M/s. Amrita Bazar Patrika Limited and M/s. Jugantar Limited; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) what action is being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The required information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Rehabilitation of Displaced Persons in West Bengal

434. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the package of assistance given to West Bengal as announced by the Prime Minister in September 1986 last, includes Rs. 93 crores for the rehabilitation of the displaced persons; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the steps so far taken to implement it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After scrutiny of colonywise information furnished by Govt. of West Bengal an expenditure of Rs. 84.36 crores has been approved for acquisition of land for 607 squatters' colonies set up between 1.1.51 and 25.3.71. The programme is to be completed by the Govt. of West Bengal in 5-years time which includes distribution of title deeds to displaced persons.

Laboratory Facility in ITDC Hotels for checking the quality of food

435. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether ITDC hotels are equipped with laboratory facility and proper staff to check the quality of raw materials being used for the preparation of food articles especially when instances of food adulteration are quite common;